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Frederick Town March 6th 1776

I am informed by Mr Chase, that he believes one Battalion once
be raised in our Province at the Continental Expence. that the Committee of Safety
in the Recess of Convention, will be requested to name all officers below a Major
and to recommend Gentlemen for Field officers. my Son A is not at Home
but I believe he would be very glad to be appointed to the Command of a Company
in the Continental Service, and am persuaded he could raise one here in a very
short time. He has been hitherto rather unfortunate in his attempts. His
first pursuit you know was the Law which from a natural diffidence and
Bashfullness he was never able to conquer) he was obliged to give up. His
next attempt was the Gown. His Misfortune in that attempt you are not
unacquainted with, and which by the present unhappy situation of affairs
I'm obliged to declare all further thoughts of. Your readiness to serve him
on that occasion and from an Ignorance of your friendship on many other
I am lead to hope you will be dispos'd of serving him in the present
Instance. I need not Inform you that his Education has been Liberal
and Ingenuous, and you are also acquainted with his Genious and
Character, it is therefore unnecessary to say any thing in recommendation
of him, only this, that I hope he would not dishonour such an appointment
upon the whole if you think him worthy of your Countenance and friendship
I hope you will use your Influence in his favour. this being provided
for in some Genteel way would be the greatest happiness to one who is
ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.
Dear Sir with great esteem and regard

Your most humble Servant

John Hanson Jr